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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTOR(S) : Thomas J. Grimsley  
TITLE : Systems and Methods for Fabricating an Electro-Optical Device Used for Image Sensing  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/750,426  
FILED : December 28, 2000  
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EXAMINER : Chih Cheng G Kao  
ART UNIT : 2882  
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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : D/A0140  
XERZ 2 00541

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, on the above-referenced patent application and prior to substantive examination, Applicant(s) request amendment of the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.



## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attorney Docket No.: D/A0140  
XERZ 2 00541

Serial No.: 09/750,426	Filed: December 28, 2000	Examiner: Chih Cheng G Kao
Art Unit: 2882	Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING AN ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE USED FOR IMAGE SENSING	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	22	Minus	23	0	X 18	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	3	Minus	3	0	X 86	\$0.00
			TOTAL		=	\$0.00

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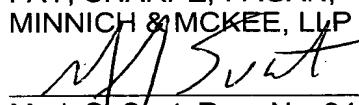
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Applicants request any extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the required fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

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